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**REPORT**  
**OF**  
**THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS,**  
**TO WHOM WAS REFERRED**  
**THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
**RECOMMENDING**  
**CERTAIN REGULATIONS RESPECTING**  
***AMERICAN SEAMEN.***

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**IN SENATE**  
**OF**  
**THE UNITED STATES.**

FEBRUARY 28, 1815.

The committee on foreign relations, to whom was referred the message of the president, recommending certain regulations respecting American seamen, report:

That they fully accord in the policy recommended, of avoiding, by prudent regulations, the occurrence of circumstances which may disturb a liberal intercourse with foreign nations. They are, moreover, persuaded, that the navigation of American vessels, exclusively by American seamen, either natives, or such as are already naturalized, would not only have the tendency to render our commerce and navigation independent of the service of foreigners, but that it would be calculated to remove the pretext under which the American navigation has heretofore been interrupted.

But while the committee consider the subject of the president's message highly important, they regret that the session of congress is so near its close, that questions affecting the foreign as well as the domestic policy of the nation cannot now receive the deliberate and full examination to which they are entitled.

The committee, therefore, submit the following resolution:

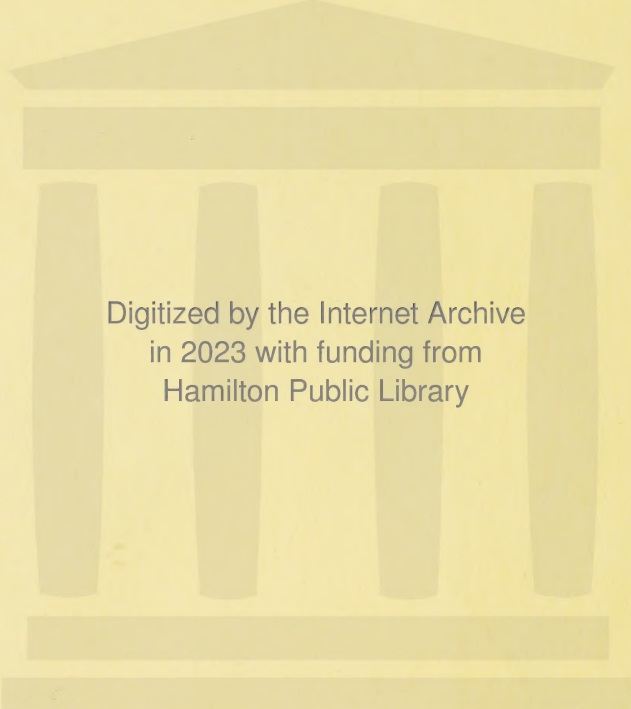
*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the message be postponed until the next session of congress.



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